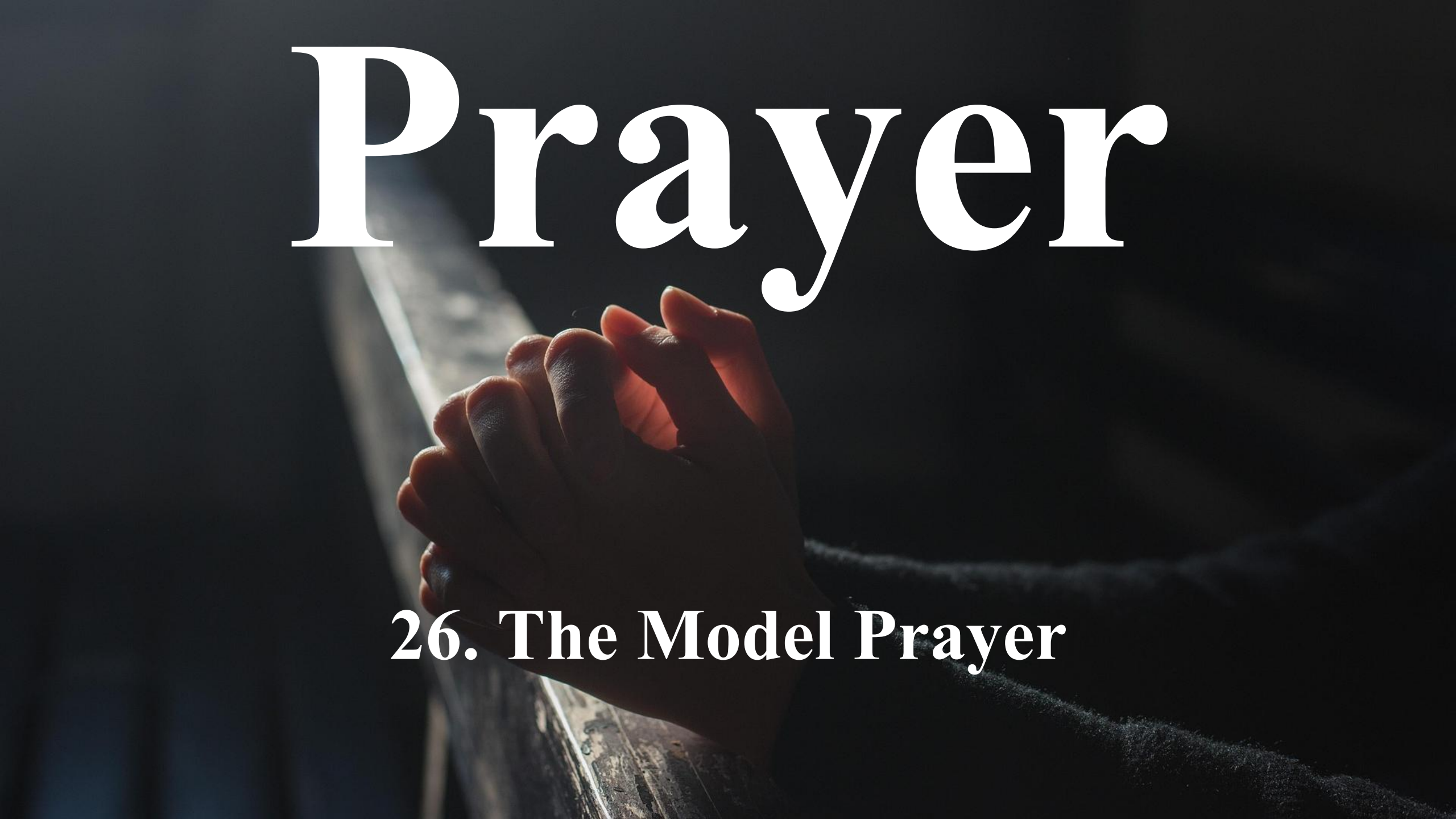


Prayer

A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped together in a prayer position. The hands are positioned in the lower center of the frame, with fingers interlaced. A strong, diagonal beam of light from the upper left corner illuminates the hands, creating a dramatic contrast with the deep shadows of the surrounding environment. The person is wearing a dark, textured garment, possibly a robe or sweater. The background is dark and out of focus, emphasizing the hands and the light.

26. The Model Prayer

Luke 11:2 "And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth."

Meaning: The model prayer is found twice in scripture. First in Matthew 6:9-13, when Jesus taught the disciples in the Sermon on the Mount. The other is in Luke 11:1-4, when the disciples said to Jesus "Teach us to pray." The model prayer is not words to recite, but a pattern to follow when we pray. Jesus said, "**After this manner therefore pray ye**" (Matthew 6:9), which means "in this way." Each phrase of the model prayer gives us a subject or topic for which to pray.

Application: In short, the subject we should pray concerning each phrase of the model prayer are as follows: "Hallowed be thy name" - begin with praise to God. "Thy kingdom come" - acknowledge the Lord's return. "Thy will be done" - ask for God's will in your life. "Give us this day our daily bread" - ask for daily needs. "Forgive us our debts" - confess your sins. "Lead us not into temptation" - ask God to help you to avoid and say "no" to sin. "For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory" - end with praise to God.

Other Verses for Study: Matthew 6:5-13; 7:11; Luke 11:1-13;
Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6; James 4:2, 3

1. The model prayer is not words to recite, but a _____
to follow when we pray.
2. Each phrase of the model prayer gives us a _____
or _____ for which to pray.
3. How should our prayers begin and end? _____

**"He who knows how to pray has his hand on the leverage which
moves the universe."**